



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

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Reference: Amended November Monthly Report (10/1/01-10/31/01), received 4/26/02

Dear Mr. Retzer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses the receipt of \$16,194.87 from your non-federal account for the fundraising event P9 which was revised to an 100% non-federal fundraising event on the Amended October Monthly Report (9/1/01 - 9/31/01), received 4/26/02. A committee is permitted to pay the entire amount of an allocable activity from its federal account and receive a transfer from its non-federal account solely to cover the non-federal share of allocable expenses. 11 CFR §106.5(g)(i). However, a 100% non-federal fundraising event does not fall within the definitions of an allocable expense, and constitutes an impermissible transfer of funds received by your federal account from your non-federal account.

The Commission recommends you immediately transfer the total amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Please clarify all expenditures made for ADVERTISING COST, VIDEO SVS, and PRODUCTION COST on Schedules B and H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified

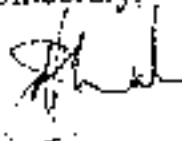
federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E, or F supporting Lines 23, 24, or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. 11 CFR §§104.3(b) and 106.1

-Itemized disbursements must include a brief statement or description of why the disbursements were made. Please amend Schedule H4 of your report to clarify the following description(s): TRANS and SUPPLIES. For further guidance regarding acceptable purposes of disbursements, please refer to 11 CFR §104.3(b)(3).

-On Schedule H4 supporting Line 21(a) of the Detailed Summary Page, you have failed to check the appropriate CATEGORY box for the payment(s) made to numerous vendors. Please amend your report to disclose the appropriate category.

A response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designation and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,



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